

The Mayor's Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
July 13, 2004

1. The Mayor's Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee (MVAC) convened on July 13, 2004, in Room 802 of the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:25 AM by the President, COL(R) Thom Tuckey. Members in attendance were:

LTC(R) Jim Daskal
Mr. Earnest Johnson
Mr. Terry Smith
COL(R) John Vigna

CSM(R) Jim Hussey
COL(R) Bill Mannel
COL(R) Thom Tuckey

2. Minutes. The committee approved the minutes from the previous meeting, on June 8, 2004.
3. Old Business.

a. Potential New Member. COL(R) Tuckey reminded Mr. Smith to follow-up with SGM Claude Peppers at his retirement, to enlist the SGM as a new member of the committee. It was also mentioned that COL David Carr would soon retire and would be a good member for the committee.

b. Veterans Groups Dinner. LTC(R) Daskal provided an update on this dinner, planned for November 8, at American Legion Post #63. LTC(R) Daskal reported that the total cost to the Mayor would be \$1200-\$2000.

c. Recognition Event for Formerly Deployed Servicemembers. Plans were further discussed for this event, which had been titled "The CSRA Salutes Our Military." LTC(R) Daskal reported on his coordination of attendance and participation of area veterans groups. CSM(R) Hussey was completing the list of all units that had been deployed from the area. LTC(R) Daskal reported that some of the older or more infirm representatives of veterans groups had expressed only limited enthusiasm for having to stand on the field during the ceremony. Various ideas were discussed for addressing their concern, including the possibility of having ROTC cadets to carry the flags of the veterans groups. A rehearsal for this event was to be held within the two weeks preceding the event. COL(R) Tuckey shared a task assignment sheet for the event and a preliminary layout of the field, showing the locations at which the participants were to position themselves during the ceremony. It was noted that volunteers would be needed for handing-out items to attendees at the event.

d. Potential Resource Sharing for Guard and Reserve Units. COL(R) Tuckey requested an update on a meeting that had been planned by the Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) with area Guard and Reserve units to clarify training and resource-sharing opportunities and procedures. Mr. Smith promised an update at the next meeting.

e. Job-Search Services for Veterans. COL(R) Tuckey mentioned that there had been material and information promised to the committee when Mr. Jim Zills briefed the committee in June. Mr. Smith said he would follow-up on this.

4. Other Discussion.

POW/MIA Observance. It was noted that Fort Gordon would hold a POW/MIA observance on 17 September, at 10:00 AM, tentatively. It was planned that the special guest speaker would be an individual who had been a prisoner of war for over a thousand days.

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 AM. The next meeting was scheduled for August 10, 2004, at 8:20 AM, in Room 802 of the Municipal Building. (Note: This meeting was later rescheduled to August 17, at 9:30 AM.)

Respectfully submitted, August 6, 2004:

Terence Smith
Secretary
Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

CF: Mayor Young
COL Henderson, Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon
Ms. Pat Buchholz, Office of the Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon
Each active MVAC member